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2D SESSION

H. R. 3570

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to exclude clinical social worker services from coverage under the Medicare skilled nursing facility prospective payment system.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 26, 1998

Mr. STARK (for himself, Mr. LEACH, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. FROST, and Mr. TORRES) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Medicare Social Work
5 Equity Act of 1998”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXCLUDING CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER SERVICES**
2 **FROM COVERAGE UNDER THE MEDICARE**
3 **SKILLED NURSING FACILITY PROSPECTIVE**
4 **PAYMENT SYSTEM.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1888(e)(2)(A)(ii) of the
6 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395yy(e)(2)(A)(ii)) is
7 amended by inserting “clinical social worker services,”
8 after “qualified psychologist services,”.

9 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
10 subsection (a) shall apply as if included in the enactment
11 of section 4432(a) of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

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